

Bert Ellis, that the resolution be adopted by a standing vote.

Dr. J. Henry Barbat, the incoming President, was then introduced by the chairman and made a short verbal address.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the House of Delegates adjourn to meet at Del Monte, April 16, 1918.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW BUSINESS.

Your committee on new business begs leave to report the following for the consideration of the

House of Delegates:

1. Referring to the President's and to the Council's report, we concur in the general recommendations, and recommend the following action as regards individual items:

(a) That the House of Delegates request the Council to make a survey and to either institute such district societies as might be deemed desirable, or to report further on this matter at the next meeting of the House of Delegates.

(b) That the House of Delegates request the Council to make a survey on redistricting the Councilor Districts and to report thereon at the next annual meeting, with submission of proper amendments, in case such should be deemed necessary. And in connection with this, that the Council, through its executive officer, several times a year urge every Councilor to at least visit every county society in his district once or twice a year.

(c) That the House of Delegates heartily endorse the recommendation of both the President and the Council that a systematic and comprehensive plan of public health propaganda be inaugurated and persistently carried on in as many portions of the State as possible.

(d) That the House of Delegates heartily endorse the plan of the proposed legislative bureau, and urges the Council to not only institute such a department of our executive work, but that the Council keep in intimate touch with the various activities and methods of procedure in this bureau, where diplomacy and clear thought and action are of such vital interests to our profession and our society, and that, as was recommended, this new bureau keep the county units likewise in most intimate touch with this much-needed work.

(e) That this House of Delegates urge the Council, through its executive officers, to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the mode of organization of every county unit, and that measures be instituted to carry on, one or more times each year, throughout the State, an active campaign for new members in every county unit of our

society. In this connection, also, that the House of Delegates recommend to the Council the consideration of the plan of application blanks, being in two sets, both of the same printed forms, the loose sheets being sent out from time to time to county members for distribution among eligible friends, who are non-members. And that in addition the State Society give to every county unit bound sets of those blanks in duplicate, the detachable portion being sent to the State Society, and the bound-in portion remaining in possession of the county unit; permanent records in this manner being much more possible, especially for our smaller county units.

(f) That as regards county societies' bulletins, that the larger county units, as an expression of courtesy and of co-operation, be urged to place every county medical unit of California on its bulletin mailing list.

(g) That the House of Delegates recommend to the Council, that the Council inform every standing and special State Society committee, that the Council will appoint one Council member to act in an advisory capacity on behalf of the Council, in the sessions of each committee, and that all standing and official committees be informed that such Council representative is to be invited to the different committee meetings.

(h) That it is the sense of the House of Delegates that the annual meetings be held either at the Hotel Del Monte or the Hotel Potter, unless there be good reason for holding the meetings elsewhere.

(i) That the House of Delegates endorse the plan of a year book containing a list of members, rules of scientific program and general information, to replace the annual directory which has been discontinued.

(j) That the House of Delegates ask the editor and the publication committee of the "Journal" to seriously work over the provision already existing for county society correspondents, with the view of using their correspondence, making the "Journal" pages of more value and interest to its different readers.

(k) That the House of Delegates express its appreciation of the action of the Council and of the attorney of the Society, for the excellent and able plan of procedure which is being worked out by means of which it seems possible that our malpractice defense work shall be more efficiently handled, as in the very best private companies doing this work.

(l) That the House of Delegates heartily endorse the safeguard provided by the Council

for the administration of the newly instituted indemnity fund, and urge the trustees of this fund and the Council to ever continue the safeguards. Further, that the Council be requested to carry on a propaganda whereby more of the members of our Society throughout the State may avail themselves of this indemnity protection.

(m) That the House of Delegates place the State Society assessment on county units for the year 1918 at \$7 per member.

(n) That the amendments recommended by the Council be adopted, to-wit:

1. Amend the by-laws, Article V, Section 1, thereof, by striking out the word "Editor" in line 9 of said Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Secretary."
2. Amend the by-laws, Article V, Section 3 thereof, by striking out the word "Editor" in line 8 of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Secretary."
3. Amend the by-laws, Article VIII, Section 5, by inserting in line 2 of said section, after the word "Members," the following:

"In accordance with the method hereinafter provided, amend Article VIII, Section 5, by adding thereto, in the last line of said section, the following: "Every applicant for membership in a component society must fill out in duplicate and sign the application blank provided by the Secretary prescribing the necessary qualifications for membership."

2. As regards the report of the Committee on Industrial Accident Insurance, we recommend as follows:

(a) That the House of Delegates go on record as still accepting the fee schedule, as a minimum for average cases, which was submitted at the Santa Barbara meeting three years ago through the representatives of the Industrial Accident Commission, provided that the understanding entered into at that time be strictly adhered to.

(b) That the members of our State Society be reminded that where the amount of fee involves a difference of opinion, that the members avail of the services of our Grievance Committee, appointed for such purpose, of which committee Dr. Morton Gibbons of San Francisco is chairman, or where the carrier is a private insurance company, that the members can if they so desire take the matter up direct with the Industrial Accident Commission.

(c) That the members of the Society, through the "Journal," be made familiar with the exact provisions of the law, in relation to choice of physicians.

(d) That the House of Delegates adopt as part of the regulations on ethics of the Society, each of the following submitted resolutions, to-wit:

Whereas, Certain members of this society have contracted with other physicians at fees less than the Industrial Accident fee schedule, and to retain for their personal profit the difference between sums received and paid out for services, and

Whereas, Such a system is contrary to the code

of ethics of the medical profession and is productive of poor surgery and poor surgical results, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting of the House of Delegates of the State Medical Society of California that such contract practice is hostile to the interests of scientific medicine, and the proper spirit which should prevail among medical men, and is discountenanced, and that County Society be requested to promptly discipline all such members.

Resolution No. 2.

Whereas, Certain members of this Society have seen fit to solicit Industrial Accident work from employers and insurance companies at rates below Fee Schedule, believing that thereby their offer is more acceptable and their own business is increased, be it

Resolved, That these acts are unethical and contrary to the best interests of the whole profession, and that the County Society be requested to promptly discipline all such members.

Resolution No. 3.

Whereas, Certain members and groups of physicians have contracted with insurance companies to furnish all medical and surgical care for an agreed per cent. of the premium income of the insurance company, in an effort to increase their own income at the expense of the whole profession, and

Whereas, This practice is in danger of leading to the most obnoxious form of contract practice, to which this society is opposed, and that the County Society be requested to promptly discipline all such members.

Resolution No. 4.

Whereas, Certain insurance companies have employed physicians on a salary basis to care for as much of their surgical work as possible at a price inadequate to cover reasonable fees for labor performed, and

Whereas, It was the distinct understanding between the Industrial Accident Commission, the State Fund and the Adjusters' Association and the Medical Society of the State of California that such practice would not be adopted, be it

Resolved, That the Industrial Accident Commission, the State Compensation Fund and the Adjusters' Association be reminded of this agreement and requested to desist from this practice and that such members, participating in such a contract, be disciplined by their County Society, and that the names of the insurance companies which are parties to such a contract be made known to the members of this Society by its officers.

(e) That the House of Delegates continue the present Special Committee on Industrial Accident Insurance, and that committee be requested to make, during the coming year, a careful survey of the present minimum fee schedule, and that as part of the committee's report to the next annual

meeting, it bring a detailed schedule concerning the matter of minimum fees.

3. That as regards the report of the Special Committee on Social Insurance, we recommend as follows:

(a) That the House of Delegates concur in the conclusions of the Special Committee, that the legal institution of the proposed plan of compulsory health insurance by the State of California does not seem to be advisable at this time, and that our Council be instructed to at once take steps to see to it that our viewpoint in this matter be made as politically effective as possible.

(b) That the present Special Committee on Social Health Insurance be continued, and be requested to further study this problem, and to make a report thereon at our next annual meeting.

(c) That the House of Delegates adopt, in addition, the resolution introduced, to-wit:

Whereas, There is pending before the State Legislature an Act to enable further study of the health insurance problem, with a view to providing for the State of California a compulsory health insurance for wage workers, and

Whereas, The operation of health insurance laws in force in other parts of the world has not been a marked success in accomplishing that for which they were intended, and

Whereas, The State of California has so recently embarked upon the enactment of social insurance laws in the shape of industrial accident insurance, the efficiency and full use of which has not yet had sufficient opportunity to learn (witness the pending Act before the Legislature, which changes some features and readjusts the whole working of that law), be it

Resolved, By the Medical Society of the State of California, that although such health insurance may quite possibly become highly desirable at some future day, for the present it is best to withhold legislation until such time as experience has proven the worth of social insurance as we now have it, and until political and economic affairs of our country have again become normal.

4. In connection with the report of the Secretary, in which we concur, we suggest that the House of Delegates at this time, on behalf of the Society, express its deep appreciation of the services rendered during the last year by Drs. C. G. Kenyon and Saxton Pope.

5. That the House of Delegates recommends that steps be taken to properly acquaint the members of the Society with the report of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.

6. That the House of Delegates adopt the report of the Committee on Scientific Program, to-wit:

Your committee begs to report scientific program:

1. That all publicity of this committee is carried on through our "Journal," with the exception of a letter sent to the deans of the various medical schools of the State requesting co-operation on the program. All applications for space on

the program were recorded as to time of arrival and places assigned in rotation. This method definitely precludes favoritism, which in the past has been frequently though unjustly complained of.

2. We have ruled that all accepted applicants for places on the program must furnish a satisfactory abstract on or before January 1st. This rule has been rigidly enforced by the general committee and should be made obligatory in future on all sections.

3. We have also ruled that any reader of a paper who does not appear at the meeting and cannot furnish an excuse satisfactory to the committee shall be deprived of the privilege of the program for three years.

4. Our President, George H. Kress, urged that we have stenographers for all scientific meetings. This plan had to be dropped on account of lack of funds, by order of the Council. We recommend that at all future meetings stenographers be employed, and inasmuch as members in the past did not stick strictly to the subject matter of their remarks when correcting their copy, and thereby rendering the published proceedings valueless, we advise that the committee appoint a member for each session, to be responsible for the discussions at each session, to read back the notes with the stenographer, and then send out the notes to the members for correction, but not permitting the discussion to be changed. This method was tried and found satisfactory by the Urological Section some years ago.

We request that if possible the House of Delegates will adopt this report and make this method of procedure obligatory on the Scientific Program Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

Harry E. Alderson,
R. A. Peers,
Fitch C. E. Mattison,
Alfred B. Grosse (Chairman),
Committee on Scientific Program.

7. Report of the Committee on Publication.

We recommend:

(a) That the House of Delegates adopt the report of the Committee on Publication, to-wit:

Gentlemen: Your committee really published its report in your April "Journal," page 98, but as some of you may not have read it, it presents the following statement:

The "Journal" has now sixty-one papers which have been accepted and set up in type. Of these, twenty-two were read at the State Society meeting in April, 1916, and thirty-nine before county and other societies. Up to the present time it has been mandatory that the "Journal" publish all papers read at the State meetings, and customary to publish all papers read at county society meetings. This has caused such an overwhelming influx of material that the printer was compelled to ask us to have no more stuff set up, as his supply of type is almost exhausted, and, at the

present price of metal, he is unable to secure more without an unwarranted outlay of capital.

It is easily seen that if we publish four or five papers in each issue, the sixty-one papers will require a full year to print. Recognizing this condition, the Council has given the Publication Committee the right to reject any papers hereafter submitted, including those read at the meetings of the Society. No paper is ever rejected until it has been carefully considered by at least two, and usually by all, members of the committee. No paper is given preference in any way whatsoever, except in the case of those dealing with material that cannot be delayed. Every paper that is set up in type costs the "Journal" several dollars for the labor, so that if a paper is withdrawn and the "metal killed," the cost of set-up is a total loss, and we have no surplus.

The Council, at the request of your committee, has authorized a temporary increase in size of the "Journal," so that the stagnation may be relieved. Sixteen extra pages will be added, until we catch up with our material.

Respectfully submitted,

Publication Committee, By R. B.

(b) That the House of Delegates express its thanks to the members for their loyal and efficient service to our "Journal" and society.

(c) That the House of Delegates likewise express its deep appreciation of the Advertising Committee for their valuable co-operation.

8. That the House of Delegates recommends that as regards national preparedness, in relation to the medical profession:

(a) That the President of the Society be requested to appoint, upon behalf of our Society, the present State Committees on Red Cross and National Service, to act also on behalf of the Medical Society of the State of California, and

(b) That the officers of our Society be requested to make as accurate a survey as is possible of the extent to which the members of our Society, in case of national emergency, would be able to professionally co-operate.

9. That the House of Delegates extend a vote of appreciation to Mr. Hartley F. Peart and Mr. H. T. Morrow for their splendid spirit of co-operation with the Society, and for the excellent and thorough conduct of the work entrusted to them.

10. That the Medical Society of the State of California, through its House of Delegates, endorse the Prendergast Bill, which is designed to promote scientific medical research in this State, to the end that human life may be conserved.

11. That the House of Delegates express, at this time, its recognition of the many years of loyal and self-sacrificing service rendered by our beloved late Secretary, Dr. Philip Mills Jones, to whom so very much of the present efficiency and standing of the Medical Society of the State of California is undoubtedly due.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Molony,
Geo. G. Reinle,
Gail G. Moseley.

The following amendment was presented by the chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work, Robert Peers:

Amendment to Article VI, Section 2, of the by-laws:

Committee on Scientific Work shall consist of the Secretary of this Society, ex-officio, the Secretaries of the scientific sections, ex-officio, and four additional members, shall be elected, one each year, to serve four years, and shall determine the character and scope of the scientific proceedings of the Society of each session, subject to the instruction of the House of Scientific Medicine.

The following proposed amendment to the by-laws was presented by P. T. Phillips, chairman of the Committee on Public Health and Hygiene:

Article VI of by-laws (a new Section 7), same as Section 3, except labeled Committee on Public Health and Hygiene:

The Committee on Public Health and Hygiene shall consist of six members, two to retire each year and the President and Secretary. Under the direction of the House of Delegates it shall represent the Society in securing and enforcing legislation, in the interest of public health and scientific medicine.

It was duly moved and seconded that these amendments be laid on the table until next year.

Voted and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATION OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Your committee on Public Policy and Legislation desires to submit the following report:

As usual, a large number of Bills were introduced in both the Senate and the Assembly during the present session of the State Legislature which directly, or indirectly, affected the welfare and the interests of the medical profession.

The chiropractors' lobby was present in full force and had a number of measures introduced in both Senate and Assembly, which would relieve them from compliance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act and permit them to control the licensing of members of their own cult.

Senate Bill No. 24, introduced by Senator Scott of San Francisco, a companion Bill of Assembly Bill No. 57, introduced by Assemblyman Hilton, has undergone a rather stormy consideration in committee and on the floor of the Senate. The Bill was passed out of Committee on Public Health and Quarantine, with recommendation "Do not pass." Was voted upon in the Senate last week, but was not passed, and by motion for reconsideration was not brought to vote, the proponents of the Bill realizing that sufficient votes could not be mustered to insure the passage of the measure.

I believe other measures which came before the Committee on Public Health and Quarantine would undoubtedly be of interest to the members of this Society.

Senate Bill No. 105, introduced by Senator Ballard, was introduced at the request of the Chiropractors, providing for a separate Drugless Board, was withdrawn from committee and the author of the Bill gave notice that he would lend